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Cindy Cagle

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I hope that everyone had a great holiday. I want to thank everyone for coming to our Christmas Party on December 8, 2020. We had a good turnout, and many great prizes were awarded from our drawing. I hope that we can get together and we can move on from this Pandemic. Hopefully 2021 is a better year for all of us.

President
Cindy Cagle

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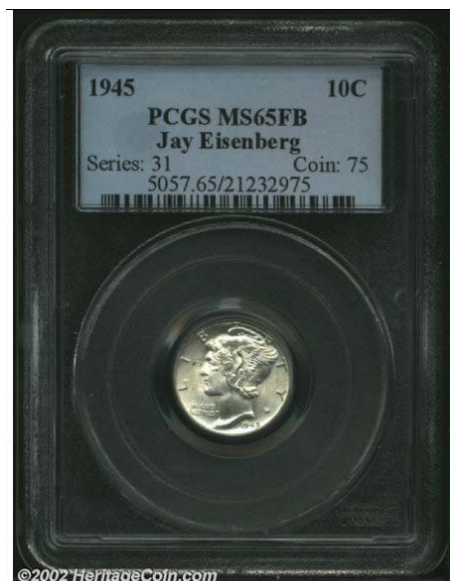
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CONDITION CENSUS

Douglas Nyholm

In the December 2020 issue of “Coin World” magazine there was an article about a 1945 Mercury dime value which was written by Chris Bulfinch. This particular dime has had much written about it by many authors including myself, it is definitely a condition census anomaly. At first glance one may ask what is so special about a 1945 Mercury Dime? It boasts the fifth highest mintage of any Mercury dime with over 159 million struck. It is an easily obtainable issue even in uncirculated grades. How-



ever in recent decades with many connoisseurs interested not only in numerical condition but in strike quality, this dime certainly stands out. Many collectors want the best and for Mercury Dimes it is those which have been graded as showing FB or FSB (Full Bands or Full Split Bands) which are holding the Fasces together. All three band locations are important but those at the center are most often weak. The process of striking coins and their subsequent strike are important but with over 150 million dimes struck at Philadelphia alone it is obvious that every dime, or 90% or even 5% during any year are not struck with perfect details. I remember reading several years ago comments from a collector searching statehood quarters by the roll who was upset that our mints could not produce every quarter in at least MS-65 condition and fully struck by the time he acquired them, and was searching for a quality specimen. It is an accomplishment that our mints do as good of a job as they do when today the mints often strike over a billion coins of each denomination in every given year. Coins are struck as a commodity and not for collectors to expect perfection from every coin. There are some ultra-grade coins which have been selling for astronomical amounts and many touted as the finest known. These are just fine and dandy for those who desire only the best, and can afford them, but who do you know personally that would pay \$5,000+ for a common date Lincoln cent or Kennedy half dollar?

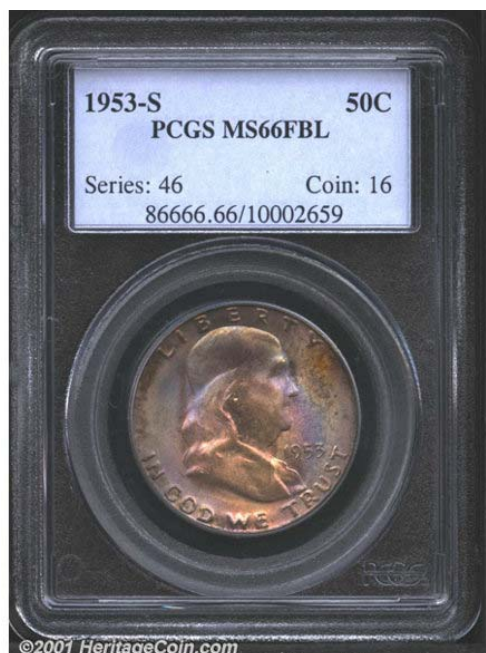
Back to the 1945 Mercury dime, which I believe is a bit different than a ultra-grade 1964 Roosevelt Dime, and now even Roosevelt Dimes are being classified with Full Bands, or coins such as s MS-70 1964 Lincoln Cent, is realistically a notable rarity with Full Bands. Our older silver coinage also had beauty that today's coinage is lacking even when found in ultra-grade. I personally handled a couple of these 1945 FB Mercury's while at Heritage and other than major auctions they are virtually un-obtainable. As related in the Coin World article PCGS has only certified 128 coins as FB while NGC has certified a meager 30 of them.

Why are they so rare? Several theoris exist in no particular order as follows. Post-War demand for minor coinage taxed the mints capacity to produce coinage beyond their normal limits. Lack of expertise at the mint due to post-war employment issues. These two situations probably led to mis-aligned dies and/or equipment issues including striking pressure or dies set too far apart. Also improper annealing of the blanks in a rush to produce a higher volume of coins. And the one I tend to prefer, is simply, the design of the coin. The reverse center of the Mercury Dime shows the center bands with is a high point directly opposite of the higher relief of the obverse showing the center of Liberty's head and the wing near her ear. There simply wasn't enough metal to fill all areas of the dies obverse and reverse with complete detail of the design. This

created a weak area most commonly observed at the bands. This situation occurred on a number of U.S. coins, a couple of other coins to note is the 1921 peace Dollar which is often weakly struck especially in the centers. The early Capped Bust Halves have the Motto on the reverse with weak lettering which is adjacent to a high relief area on the obverse. This weakness is seen even on some high grade coins. Also the famous Full-Step Jefferson Nickels have problems due to metal flow in regard to high points on the obverse.

A final word about the value of the 1945 FB Mercury dime is that some examples can reach \$15,000. The Coin World price guide lists them as \$9,000 in 64FB and at \$15,500 in 65FB. In comparison a MS-65 example without full bands is listed at only \$25!

As long as we are speaking about modern strike rarities I would like to mention the 1953-S Franklin Half dollar with Full Bell Lines. This is very similar to the 1945 FB Mercury Dime as it is extremely rare. Similar situations may very well have contributed to its rarity. The Coin World list its value in MS65 FBL as \$16,000 and at \$65 without full bell lines. It should be noted that even the slightest interruption of one of the bell lines will preclude it from being certified as FBL. It is listed at \$50,000 in MS-66 FBL!



When speaking of condition Census we assume that one means a high grade coin and/or one which has exceptional striking characteristics. One exception with calling coins condition census is one that may not necessarily even be uncirculated. This generally refers to older coins that are scarce and the highest graded example may only be VF or even possibly lower. These coins are referred to condition census examples based upon the finest known.

I thought about condition census for a moment and wondered if there could be such a thing as “Reverse Condition Census?” Not really except for those collectors who assemble collections of the worst known which is an interesting concept. I have an Eisenhower dollar in Poor-1 which the date is barely readable. It may actually sell for a small premium. It was probably a pocket piece for someone who carried it for decades. Two other reverse condition census coins could be a 1950-D Jefferson Nickel. Have you ever seen a low grade 1950-D Jefferson Nickel, probably not. A VG or Fine

example let alone one in Good would truly be a rarity. This of course is due to the fact that virtually the entire mintage was immediately saved and hoarded after their release. There was an immediate premium and virtually none entered circulation. A second example would be the 1964 silver Kennedy Half Dollar. Two reasons for its survival only in higher grades was the immediate demand for a souvenir of our late President and that it was the last year for circulating 90% silver coinage. Very few circulated and XF is about the lowest grade you would be able to locate. I remember as a kid in 1964 my local bank was limiting requests for Kennedy halves to six or only \$3 at a time.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

UNS Elections

The UNS elections originally scheduled for November were as you know postponed due to Covid as our meeting was cancelled.

We will now be holding our elections at our January meeting.

As you are aware November was our bi-annual election. The offices up for election are the following: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Curator, and Board Members. The number of Board Members to be voted on is no more than six elected members at large.

The outgoing President will be a defacto Board member. The President, Vice President, Treasurer, Curator, Medals Chair, Editor of the Mint Master, Secretary are also part of the Board of Directors. All other positions are by invitation of the President, who often will ask those filling those positions if they would like to remain performing them or assign new members to fill those positions. The majority of responsibilities for these positions are in the Bylaws which every member should have a copy of should they like to review them prior to the election. Please be advised that should you not feel you would be able to perform the duties of any position for which you may be nominated for, please decline. Should you be willing to accept a nomination, and be elected to a position, that the Society is counting on you performing those responsibilities to your fullest. This past year has been unprecedented in our history, and the situations we have endured have been difficult for all however, for this, or any other issue which may make performing your elected position untenable, please be advised you have a responsibility to, at the very minimum, keep in contact with your President so that the President is fully aware of what may be going on, and be able to adjudicate any changes which may be necessitated. Once the elections are finished the newly elected individuals will be sworn into their positions in the first meeting in January of 2021, and a transition meeting will be held the first week of January in all probability, unless one is able to take place in December. This meeting is traditionally both for transitioning information concerning positions, as well as a yearly planning session. This would be a great time to think on whom you may like to fulfill positions, whom you may wish to nominate, or to search yourself to see if there may be a position you would be willing to accept. We have had some great members performing in the offices of the Society these past several years and would like to thank them for all their selfless service on behalf of the Society during this time. We appreciate them, their time, and their service. Robie Cagle Board Member & Assistant Mint Master Editor

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- 1- 1926 S Peace dollar
- 2- 2001 9-11 Firefighters Medal
- 3- 1921 D Morgan dollar
- 4- 1899 O Morgan dollar
- 5- 2011 9-11 National Silver Medal
- 6- 2020 Innovation dollar Pf. Set
- 7- 1898 Morgan dollar
- 8- 1982 George Washington half \$ silver
- 9- 1890 Morgan silver dollar
- 10- 1818 Large Cent

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WHY DO PRICE GUIDES VARY BY GRADES LISTED?

Douglas Nyholm

I have always struggled with various Price Guides which list values of coins in various grades, sometimes omitting some grades while listing others. In doing research for my previous article "Condition Census" I used three price guides. The current Red Book, PCGS Rare Coin Market, and Coin Worlds monthly magazine.

The Red Book had no listings for Mercury Dimes with full bands, however Coin Worlds trends listed FB in

MERCURY DIME REGULAR STRIKES													
PCGS	DESCRIPTION	Desig.	4	12	40	60	63	64	65	66	67	68	Best Grade
Mercury Dime (1916-1945) (1916-1945)													
4902	Type		4	4	5	8	11	16	25	35	65	200	69
4903	Type	FB	-	-	-	10	14	22	40	55	140	850	69
4904	1916 Mercury		7	10	15	45	65	80	110	225	900	-	67 767
4905	1916 Mercury	FB	-	-	-	50	70	115	200	325	1100	10500	68 4642
4906	1916-D		750	2500	5600	11500	15000	18000	27000	39000	-	-	66 8817
4907	1916-D	FB	-	-	-	13000	18500	25000	45000	60000	120000	-	67 411
4908	1916-S Mercury		7	10	24	38	85	110	225	335	1375	-	67 1168
4909	1916-S Mercury	FB	-	-	-	42	125	250	875	1200	3500	-	67 901
4910	1917		5	7	12	25	55	85	160	325	-	-	66 443
4911	1917	FB	-	-	-	35	75	150	375	700	1900	-	67 1334
4912	1917-D		7	13	50	175	250	375	800	1250	8500	-	67 678
4913	1917-D	FB	-	-	-	200	550	950	4000	6750	-	-	66 372
4914	1917-S		5	7	16	100	190	230	400	950	1950	-	67 679
4915	1917-S	FB	-	-	-	115	235	400	1050	1600	7500	-	67 578
4916	1918		6	9	35	80	150	185	400	1200	-	-	66 271
4917	1918	FB	-	-	-	90	215	400	1000	2250	12000	-	67 598
4918	1918-D		6	10	35	150	275	400	750	1700	3500	-	67 827
4919	1918-D	FB	-	-	-	450	2500	3000	13500	55000	195000	-	67 178
4920	1918-S		6	7	25	130	250	375	750	1500	5000	-	67 589
4921	1918-S	FB	-	-	-	325	3000	3900	6000	22000	145000	-	67 148
4922	1919		5	7	16	62	120	225	325	700	1500	-	67 348
4923	1919	FB	-	-	-	75	225	325	675	1400	5500	-	67 805
4924	1919-D		8	14	50	265	525	750	1500	3500	-	-	66 541
4925	1919-D	FB	-	-	-	600	2500	4250	32500	145000	-	-	66 242
4926	1919-S		6	12	40	200	550	1000	1550	2000	3250	-	67 484
4927	1919-S	FB	-	-	-	425	2400	5500	15000	55000	100000	-	67 105
4928	1920		5	6	13	40	80	100	210	500	1500	-	67 404
4929	1920	FB	-	-	-	44	100	130	450	650	2400	-	67 1210
4930	1920-D		5	7	25	125	275	375	575	1300	3450	-	67 488
4931	1920-D	FB	-	-	-	200	750	1250	3150	5500	55000	85000	68 363
4932	1920-S		5	7	20	150	475	750	1200	2150	-	-	66 337
4933	1920-S	FB	-	-	-	400	1100	2350	4500	8500	75000	-	67 317

both MS-64 and MS-65 and PCGS listed FB Mercury Dimes in all uncirculated grades. PCGS also listed Mercury Dimes beginning with G4 then jumping to F12, next was EF40 and then uncirculated grades MS60 thru MS68. (Only a few dimes in MS68 have prices actually listed). It seems that PCGS puts emphasis on the uncirculated grades thinking that most collectors wouldn't submit a lower grade coin for certification other than a 1916-D. The Red Book listed all circulated grades beginning in 1916 with G4 up to 1931 but for 1934 and after the lowest grade was F12. I guess they believe that in these later years there was insufficient time to circulate to acquire additional wear or that nobody really cared about the low grades other than silver melt value. Although the standard Red Book does not list Full Bands their specialized Red Book covering only Mercury Dimes does.

Similar differences were noted for Washington Quarters as well. Coin World's lowest grade listed was VF20 while the Red Books lowest grade was VG8 until 1936 where the lowest grade became EF40. Again, I guess anything after 1936 is not worth much unless at least EF40. PCGS again listed only four circulated grades but surprisingly started at G4 then followed with F12, EF40, and AU-55. They did list six uncirculated grades.

One other series I looked at was Standing Liberty Quarters. PCGS omits the VG8 grade starting with G4 jumping to F12. Coin World starts with VG8 but omits G4, and finally the Red Book starts with G4 and lists all common circulated grades. In regard to the Full Head designation in similar fashion to the Mercury Dime only PCGS and Coin World listed any prices for Full Heads. Once again the specialized Red Book covering Standing Liberty quarters did list prices for Full Head.

STANDING LIBERTY QUARTER DOLLAR													
	VG-8	F-12	VF-20	EF-40	AU-50	AU-58	MS-60	MS-63	MS-63H	MS-64	MS-64H	MS-65	MS-65H
BARE BREAST													
1916	4500.	5500.	7000.	8500.	10000.	11500.	12000.	16000.	17500.	18500.	23500.	25000.	35000.
1917	45.	55.	75.	125.	175.	225.	230.	315.	375.	410.	500.	675.	850.
1917-D	45.	60.	110.	175.	200.	275.	280.	400.	475.	425.	600.	925.	1250.
1917-S	75.	100.	150.	200.	225.	340.	360.	450.	800.	600.	1200.	1250.	2350.
MAILED BREAST, STARS BELOW EAGLE													
1917	40.	60.	80.	110.	150.	190.	195.	300.	375.	350.	500.	525.	950.
1917-D	50.	90.	125.	175.	200.	270.	280.	350.	600.	525.	1000.	1250.	2550.
1917-S	55.	85.	140.	170.	210.	245.	260.	350.	700.	500.	1500.	1050.	2750.
1918	25.	30.	40.	60.	75.	125.	135.	300.	400.	400.	750.	600.	2250.
1918-D	45.	75.	85.	140.	175.	250.	275.	425.	900.	650.	1750.	1300.	4000.
1918-S	25.	35.	50.	80.	100.	175.	200.	325.	1750.	600.	2150.	1150.	10000.
1918/7-S	1750.	3500.	4000.	7000.	11000.	15500.	18500.	27500.	80000.	35000.	100000.	90000.	—
1919	40.	50.	75.	100.	125.	165.	200.	275.	450.	375.	850.	525.	1600.
1919-D	150.	225.	425.	600.	725.	1200.	1250.	2000.	7500.	2750.	16500.	4000.	37500.
1919-S	125.	175.	300.	500.	600.	1250.	1300.	2250.	7250.	4000.	16500.	7000.	35000.
1920	25.	35.	50.	65.	100.	140.	175.	275.	400.	350.	600.	450.	1400.
1920-D	60.	100.	150.	200.	300.	400.	450.	1100.	2500.	1500.	4000.	2000.	8000.
1920-S	30.	35.	50.	75.	170.	275.	300.	800.	5000.	1200.	6000.	2000.	20000.
1921	225.	350.	525.	700.	1000.	1350.	1400.	2000.	3250.	2250.	4250.	2750.	7500.
1922	20.	30.	40.	55.	90.	130.	160.	250.	600.	325.	1250.	450.	2250.

Getting more specific for strike differences Coin World and PCGS had listings for Full Bands, Full Bell Lines and also listed values for Full Step Jefferson nickels. The specialized Red Books included pricing for these designations but the standard Red Book does not.

One final observation was the commonly collected Morgan Dollars. This series is one of the most collected of all U.S. series and should be well represented by price guides. The Red Book starts with the VF20 grade while PCGS actually lists Morgan's in G4 with additional circulated grades of F12, EF40, and AU55. To their credit PCGS also lists Morgan Silver Dollars for PL or Proof-Like and also DMPL for Deep Mirror Proof-Like. Coin World lists all standard circulated grades beginning with G4 and also shows values for MS63/64 and 65D which not stated most likely denotes DMPL.

There are many other variances in the listed grades in various price guides. The Gray Sheet included valuation for certain CAC stickered coins in several grades. So what does this mean to the average collector? Along with various grades there are also variances for values in the same grade. Therefore there is no single answer to values and/or grading and one must use multiple resources and guides in order to get the most accurate answer. For common coins even using EBay results are one option and then there are the prices real-

ized along with high resolution images of coins published by the various auction companies. Again, one size does not fit all so attempt to expand your knowledge and resources to get the best result. Personally the art of grading is also subjective. This would be the subject of another article or perhaps a 500 page book. Good Luck



1901, Doubled Die Reverse

Note tail feathers.

	Mintage	VF-20	EF-40	AU-50	MS-60	MS-63	MS-64	MS-65	PF-63
18930	300,000	\$300	\$475	\$775	\$3,500	\$7,000	\$16,500	\$175,000	
1893S (c)	100,000	5,200	8,500	20,750	145,000	275,000	330,000	600,000	
<i>\$646,250, MS-65, Legend auction, October 2014</i>									
1894 (c) (972) ..	110,000	925	1,000	1,050	3,100	4,700	7,250	35,000	\$3,500
18940	1,723,000	55	95	160	1,375	4,250	7,500	57,500	
1894S	1,260,000	95	175	425	850	1,400	2,300	6,000	
1895, Proof (d) (880)									50,000
18950	450,000	350	500	1,100	16,000	55,000	85,000	195,000	
<i>\$575,000, MS-67, Heritage auction, November 2005</i>									
1895S	400,000	675	1,000	1,500	4,500	6,500	9,000	20,000	
1896 (762) ..	9,976,000	30	33	39	40	50	65	135	3,000
18960	4,900,000	42	45	125	1,700	6,000	36,000	160,000	
1896S	5,000,000	70	250	850	2,300	3,750	5,000	13,500	
<i>\$402,500, MS-69, Heritage auction, November 2005</i>									
1897 (731) ..	2,822,000	30	33	39	50	65	85	240	3,000
18970	4,004,000	30	50	85	975	4,000	12,500	60,000	
1897S	5,825,000	30	33	48	85	145	185	475	
1898 (735) ..	5,884,000	30	33	39	50	65	75	190	3,000
18980	4,440,000	30	33	39	50	70	75	120	
1898S	4,102,000	45	50	90	275	500	700	1,400	
1899 (846) ..	330,000	175	185	195	260	275	325	700	3,000
18990	12,290,000	30	33	39	50	65	75	120	
1899S	2,562,000	45	65	180	425	575	775	1,850	
1900 (912) ..	8,830,000	30	33	39	45	50	65	120	3,000
19000	12,590,000	30	33	39	45	50	65	120	
19000, O/CC (e)	*	80	115	150	300	650	850	1,850	
1900S	3,540,000	45	55	85	290	400	575	1,300	
1901 (c) (813) ..	6,962,000	55	95	225	3,500	13,000	55,000	350,000	3,000
1901, DblDie Rev. *		150	1,000	1,500	12,000	40,000			
19010	13,320,000	40	42	48	50	55	65	120	

RECORD PRICE FOR MORMAN GOLD COIN

Doug Nyholm



The Larry H. Miller auction is history and there were some truly great highlights. Part 2 offered a complete set of Mormon gold which according to Bob Campbell was the first offering of a complete set since the ANA convention in San Diego in August of 1983. That auction was held by Art Kagin with Don Kagin cataloging over 200 lots of pioneer gold including the complete set of Mormon Gold.

The Larry H. Miller example of the ultra-rare Mormon \$10 sold for the incredible price of **\$840,000!** This is the highest price on record for any Mormon piece of currency or coin. It by far eclipses the example sold by Heritage several years ago at their Central States auction which garnered \$705,000. Miller's \$10 is arguably the finest example known of the also debated 9 to 12 examples presently known. But either way, unless you were the successful bidder you will most likely have to wait years for another example to go up for sale. What was stopping you from selling your house, cars, and cashing in your 401K to take advantage of this opportunity anyway?

The entire set of Mormon Gold brought \$1,489,200 with the second most valuable piece, the \$20 bringing down the hammer at \$264,000

The three other lots of notable mention were as follows:

- 1804 Silver Dollar \$3,360,000
- 1794 Silver Dollar \$1,050,000
- 1894-S Barber Dime \$1,440,000

Both parts 1 & 2 of Larry Millers collection sold for an amazing \$25 Million of which all proceeds will be donated to the new Primary Children's Hospital to be built in Utah County.

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*Coinage to be produced in 2021 would mark the 100th anniversary of the Mint's transition of production from the Morgan dollar to the Peace dollar.
Images courtesy of Heritage Auctions*

Legislation seeking coinage to recognize the centennial [anniversary](#) in 2021 of the transition from the Morgan to the Peace dollar awaits President Trump's signature.

H.R. 6192, the 1921 Silver Dollar Coin Anniversary Act, was introduced in the House March 11, 2020, by Rep. Andy Barr, R-KY. H.R. 6192 was received by the Senate Sept. 23 and referred to the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

The Senate passed the measure Dec. 17 by unanimous consent.

A mirror bill in the Senate, S. 4326, was introduced July 27, 2020, by Sen. Mike Enzi, R-WY.

The legislative initiative was championed by two longtime collectors, Thomas J. Uram, chairman of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee, and Mike Moran, another member of the CCAC.

H.R. 6192 authorizes production of Morgan and Peace dollars in not less than .900 fine silver, with the balance of the alloy in copper.

Uram said that, in discussions with U.S. Mint officials, they indicated options would include issues struck at the Denver, Philadelphia and San Francisco Mints.

Privy marks could be added to specific Morgan dollar issues to pay homage to the silver dollar output at the former Carson City Mint in Nevada and New Orleans Mint in Louisiana.

Uram said discussions included details for Proof and Uncirculated releases, with the possibility for special sets to include coins of different finishes from multiple Mints.

BOOK REVIEW

Colonial and Early American Coins

2nd Edition / Q. David Bowers

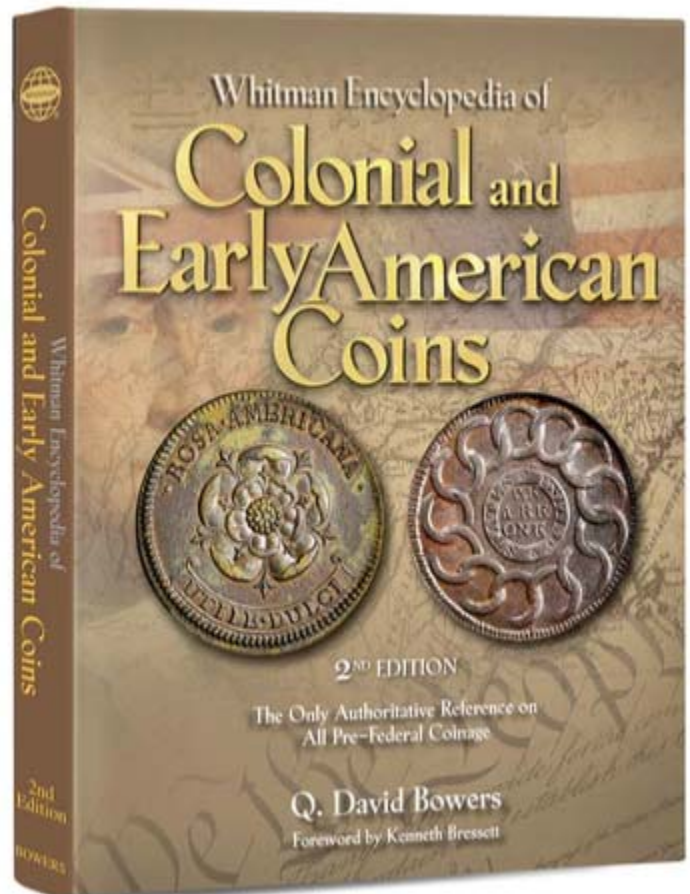
The second edition of this book was recently released. The first edition was published in 2009 over ten years ago which has been updated and has as stated in their release as follows:

- Updated market values and commentary
- Nearly 2000 full color photographs
- Updated and expanded auction data
- Many all new listings
- Updated historical scholarship and market research
- Expanded attribution numbers for selected series

The new edition contains 342 pages, 10 additional from the previous edition, many additional color images and printed on improved paper.

This book contains commentary on the origin of coinage in America, the minting processes, distribution, and actual collecting of these coins. It begins with the various New England coins which covers 16 pages. Also extensively covered are early British coins and tokens used in America, subsequent true American issues, early Washington coins and tokens and 19th century colonial copies and fantasies with much much more.

Many coin books today are printed, and it seems as though that follow-up editions quickly follow that aren't appreciably different, or updated. I obviously purchase a new Red Book each year, not only for updated info but to complete my collection from the first issue back in 1947. Other yearly or semi-annual books I usually purchase upon the merits of the book. This second edition of Colonial Coins hasn't been updated for over 10 years so no matter if you purchased the first edition or not this second edition is a valuable resource you your library. It is directly available from Whitman Books, at Whitman.com for a list price of \$49.95 in their hardcover edition.



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Phoenix 2021 National Money Show Officially Cancelled

Coronavirus also impacts planning for 2021 Summer Seminar

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The American Numismatic Association (ANA) Board of Governors voted on Dec. 16 to officially cancel the Phoenix National Money Show[®], scheduled for Mar. 11-13, 2021, due to heightened coronavirus concerns. The vote was 7-2, with the majority of the Board expressing concerns about the Association's inability to assure the safety of its members, dealers, staff and visitors.

Because of Arizona's current restrictions on indoor gatherings, the show would have been significantly smaller had the Board voted to move forward. The bourse would have been reduced in size, and educational programming and meetings would have moved online. The Phoenix Convention Center informed the ANA the day after its Board meeting that all events through February 28, 2021, would be cancelled, leaving events such as the Association's National Money Show in mid-March in an uncertain situation.

"Although we share the disappointment of collectors and dealers in cancelling the Phoenix National Money Show, it is the right decision given the wide range of uncertainties we currently face," says ANA Executive Director Kim Kiick. "We're appreciative of Kagin's Auctions, the official convention auctioneer, for their understanding and support of this decision."

Kiick indicated the ANA will explore the feasibility of hosting a virtual conference in May.

Dealers who have reserved tables for the show will be contacted directly by the ANA convention team. "To mitigate the influx of calls and emails, dealers will be contacted by phone within the next week to discuss the option of a future credit towards an ANA show or a refund," says Brianna Victor, ANA events director.

Hotel room reservations within the reserved block in the Hyatt Regency Phoenix (877-803-7534) and Hampton Inn & Suites (602-710-1240), along with reservations made with lodging properties outside the block, will need to be cancelled by collectors directly with the properties.

The Board will explore the possibility of revisiting Phoenix for a future National Money Show – possibly as early as March 2023 – to capitalize on the planning from the staff and local host committee that already was in place, and to avoid a cancellation penalty from the convention center.



The Money Quiz

Interesting Tidbits

1. U.S. silver coins have been struck in what following fineness?

- A) .8925
- B) .900
- C) .750
- D) .999

2. Which of the following denominations had a mint mark on the obverse?

- A) Half Dollar
- B) Quarter
- C) \$5 Gold
- D) Cent

3. Which of the following denominations have reeded edges?

- A) Cent
- B) 20 Cent
- C) 3 Cent
- D) Presidential Dollars

4. Which coins do not have the designers or mark?

- A) Morgan Dollars
- B) Indian Cents
- C) Capped Bust Halves
- D) Barber Quarters

5. How many Utah National Banks issued a \$100 denomination?

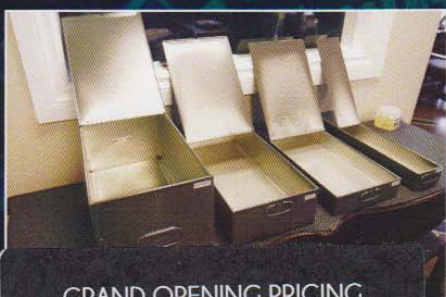
- A) 1
- B) 3
- C) 4
- D) 6

6. Which of the following coins were struck at a mint other than Philadelphia without a mint mark?

- A) 1915 Pan Pac Half
- B) 1840 Seated Half Dollar
- C) 1965 Cent
- D) 1922 Lincoln Cent

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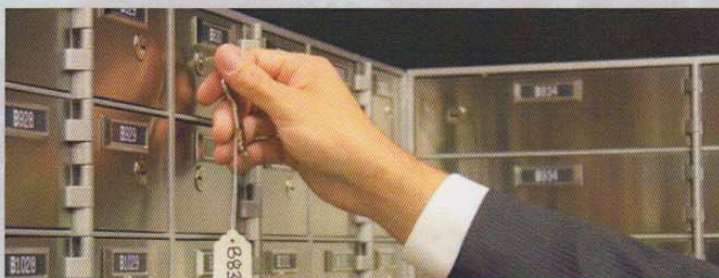
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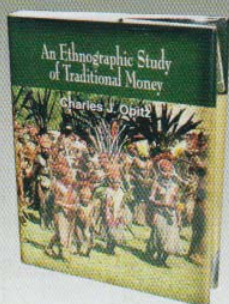
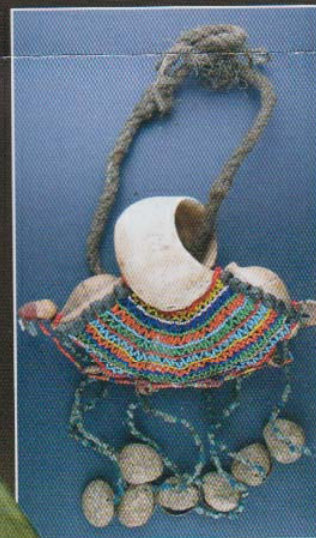
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Happy New Year!

While I have yet to find time for sufficient coin hunting adventures, I'm again going over an error/rarity that you can keep your eyes peeled for.

Welcome to Cull of the Wild: War Nickel Error Edition

THIS MONTH'S SPOTLIGHTS

1944-S - 5c "Speared-S" Die Crack



Images from Reddit u/B0B0B0B0B0

Description: This particular coin was an error I assisted a fellow online numismatist confirm as a legitimate mint error last year, though I never wrote up the exchange in our newsletter. They posted this silver war nickel to the r/coins forum on Reddit asking if this was a die crack. As I looked at the fully-magnified image (far right) it was apparent that it was most likely a die crack--though there is some dispute online whether it's actually a retained cud or another more specific sub-type of die deterioration. Other specimens have surfaced on online message boards that show varying degrees of severity on the cracking, with at least one showing a near rim-to-rim line. Something important to note in the differentiation between planchet errors, struck-through errors, post-mint damage, and mint/die damage is the nature of the anomaly. Specifically, as in this case, the line running through the S is raised and clearly part of the minted coin, though it does not affect the devices of the coin, confirming that the portion of the die that was raised (to create the flat fields of the design) had the gap, and that there was no object caught in the die that was being struck through in minting this coin. While this nickel does not command a significant premium, it is an interesting specimen likely worth a few dollars. Furthermore, I have heard-tell online that there are 1942-S sister-errors in existence that could be acquired to create a unique subset to one's collection.

Identifying Marks: Jefferson obverse, Monticello reverse, 1944-S mint mark; 35% silver composition, 5.00 grams.

URS: Unknown.

Book Value: N/A

GC Auction Value: N/A.

As always, feel free to email me at mont.toronto@gmail.com with questions, comments, or feedback.

- Mont Toronto

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR

As I write this on December 26th, Christmas is history and soon to follow will be 2020. I received a stack of books for Christmas and a few other trinkets and hope that Santa was good to all of you.

Unfortunately 2021 is starting in similar fashion that 2020 ended with both the FUN coin show and convention in Florida cancelled and also the ANA Spring convention in Phoenix suffering the same fate.

Lucky for us Utah Numismatists we, hopefully, will still be having our local show Friday and Saturday January 29th at the Sandy location. I hope to see many of you in attendance.

I also thoroughly enjoyed our UNS Holiday dinner at Brice's catering office which went on without a hitch. Attendance was down from previous years but still everyone had a great time. The food was delicious and the prizes were outstanding.

Finally, I want to wish all of you a healthy, prosperous, and Happy New Year. I pray that this Covid virus will subside and we can all get back to normal. By this I mean, NORMAL, and not a New Normal!

Happy New Year



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Quiz Answers

1. - All
2. - All
3. - A (1795)
4. - All (Capped Bust notch on star 13)
5. - B
6. - All